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1. (Currently Amended) A method for removing personal information from a first electronic document produced by a document-generating application and including a comment ~~box~~ visible with a display of within the document, wherein the method comprises the steps of:

activating a privacy option comprising computer-implemented instructions provided by the application and operative to enable removal of one or more pieces of personal information ~~displayed in~~ included as part of the comment ~~box~~ of visible within the first document without deleting the document; and

wherein the removal of one or more pieces of personal information from the first document comprises the computer-implemented step of replacing the one or more pieces of personal information ~~displayed in~~ included as part of the comment ~~box~~ with generic information for inclusion as part of the comment.

11. (Currently Amended) A method for removing personal information from an electronic document having a visible comment ~~box~~ displaying the personal information as part of the document, wherein the method comprises the steps of:

receiving input of one or more pieces of personal information into one or more data storage fields in response to a request for personal information from a document-generating application; and

receiving input to activate a computer-implemented privacy option for the document, wherein activation of the privacy option results in the removal of the one or more pieces of personal information from the comment ~~box~~ displayed ~~with~~ as part of the document without deleting the document; and

wherein the removal of one or more pieces of personal information from the comment ~~box~~ displayed ~~with~~ as part of the document comprises the computer-implemented step of replacing the one or more pieces of personal information with generic information for display in the comment ~~box~~ displayed as part of the document.

19. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium having stored thereon computer-executable instructions for performing a method for removing personal information from a comment visible within an electronic document, wherein the method comprises the steps of:

activating a computer-implemented privacy option provided by the instructions, wherein activation of the privacy option enables removal of one or more pieces of personal information from the comment displayed within the document without deleting the document; and

wherein the removal of one or more pieces of personal information from the comment within the first document comprises the computer-implemented step of replacing the one or more pieces of personal information with generic information in the comment.